### **TOWN OF GRANBY**

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MEETING MINUTES**

May 17, 2012

PRESENT: Neil Hornish, Anna Sogliuzzo, Susan Dwyer, Mark Lockwood, and Carolyn Flint

The meeting was called to order at 7:36PM by Chairman Hornish.

## **MAY 3, 2012 MINUTES:**

The minutes from the May 3, 2012 meeting were reviewed by the Commission.

Ms. Flint commented that the sentence in the New Business section regarding the bill for the Wild and Scenic Designation should read: "Ms. Flint announced that the *bill for the* Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook Wild and Scenic designation has been introduced to the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate".

ON A MOTION by Ms. Flint, seconded by Chairman Hornish, the minutes from the May 3, 2012 Conservation Commission meeting were approved as amended on a (3-0-1) vote. Ms. Dwyer abstained as she was not present at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, and Ms. Sogliuzzo was not yet present at this meeting to vote on the minutes.

#### **CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE:**

The clean energy sign-up informational session will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2012 at the Granby Senior Center. Chairman Hornish and Ms. Sogliuzzo will contact Community Energy and Sterling Planet to ask if representatives would like to attend this seminar. Chairman Hornish will also contact Connecticut Light and Power (CL&P) to ask if a representative would like to attend.

Ms. Sogliuzzo will photocopy a number of documents that former commissioner Shelley Reuben created for past sign-up events which can be passed out at the informational session on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Chairman Hornish attended a meeting for the Connecticut Clean Energy Committee in Litchfield and will write up a brief summary for the next Commission meeting. The focal points from the meeting include:

- Governor Dannel P. Malloy and the DEEP have set a goal to make Connecticut the most energy efficient state in the United States. Currently, Connecticut is the eighth most energy efficient state.
- The 20% by 2010 campaign has been extended to 2018.

# **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Lockwood shared with Commissioners maps that show where the greatest potential to harness solar and wind energy are in the United States. Solar power is greatest in the Southwest. New England has some potential to harness wind power in off-shore locations. The Commission found it interesting to see where in the country it is economically feasible to harness alternative energy.

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# **NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY (NRI):**

The Commission spent the remainder of the meeting reviewing the NRI and making revisions for the final draft. Commission members will continue this endeavor during the next few weeks as well as at the June 7, 2012 meeting.

ON A MOTION by Mark Lockwood, seconded by Carolyn Flint, the meeting adjourned at 8:37pm on a (5-0-0) vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Leveille Recording Secretary